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1. The Trockenelementefabrik Zeitz continues as heretofore to be occupied mainly with producing dry cell and plate batteries for the Volkspolizei and the Red Army. In September 1953, 2,320 dry cell batteries for radio sets were delivered. The production of plate ("B") batteries was 4,973.
2. The plant had large stocks of manganese dioxide, but as there have been no further deliveries the stock is nearly exhausted and the management is trying to obtain a supply from the Soviet Union, since the DHZ Chemie cannot make a firm promise. No deliveries are expected in October, so production will have to be reduced sharply. Difficulties in the procurement of sheet zinc have also hampered production.

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